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TO: MR. HENRY TRYON

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1. ELECTROBOBILE "PILCAR" WAS DEVELOPED BY VICTOR PERRENOUD, AN ENGINEER WHO OPERATES A WORKSHOP IN GENEVA SUBURB OF CHENE-BOURG. ADDRESS: RUE FRANCOIS-PERREARD, 22 1225 CHENE-BOURG, GENEVA. PILCAR IS A FOUR SEATER, THREE-DOOR SEDAN POWERED BY A 22 HP (DIN) ELECTRIC ENGINE OF 16 KW. MAXIMUM SPEED IS 90 KM/H AND MAXIMUM RANGE 120 KILOMETERS, DEPENDING ON SPEED AND LOAD. BODY IS REPORTEDLY MADE OF GLASSFIBER REINFORCED POLYESTER. EXTERNAL DIMENSIONS ARE 3.06 X 1.45 METERS. BATTERY CAPACITY IS 40 W/KG. TAKES 8 HOURS TO CHARGE. CAR CURRENTLY SELLS HERE FOR SF 16,000.

2. PFANDER AG, DUEBENDORFERSTRASSE 227, ZURICH SPECIALIZES IN DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURE OF ELECTROMOBILES. FIRM, WHICH EMPLOYS 110 AND HAS SHARE CAPITAL OF SF 0.4 MILLION, MARKETS AND ELECTRIC TAXI CAB UNDER TRADENAME "EKB 1000 T".

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STANDARD MODEL, POWERED BY TWO 3 KW ENGINES, DEVELOPS TOP SPEED OF 25 KM/H, ACCOMODATES 5 PASSENGERS PLUS DRIVER, AND SELLS AT SF 60,000. A TOTAL OF 15 UNITS ARE CURRENTLY IN USE IN THE 2 SWISS RESORTS OF ZERMATT AND SAAS FEE.

3. FULL DOCUMENTATION ON PILCAR AND PFANDER TAXI CAB WILL BE SUBMITTED BEGINNING APRIL.

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